



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants and loans, employment opportunities and miscellaneous information. Input and feedback are appreciated. For information, contact M. Castain 415-972-3264; email [castain.maria@epa.gov](mailto:castain.maria@epa.gov) or visit Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/newslet.html>.

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Region 9, San Francisco, California

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# ***Tribal Program Newsletter***

## **Meetings and Conferences**



### **Host: Cocopah Indian Tribe**

Dec 5-6	Tribal Lands Climate Conference	Somerton, AZ	Garrit Voggeser 303-441-5161 or <a href="mailto:voggeser@nwf.org">voggeser@nwf.org</a>
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### **Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency**

Nov 13-15	11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Brownfields Conference	Boston, MA	Cynthia Greene, 617-918-1431 <a href="mailto:greenecynthia@epa.gov">greenecynthia@epa.gov</a> or visit <a href="http://www.brownfields2006.org">http://www.brownfields2006.org</a> . This is a free conference
Nov 28-30	North American PRTR Consultative Group Meeting	San Diego, CA	<a href="http://www.cec.org/calendar/details/index.cfm?varlan=english&amp;ID=2022">http://www.cec.org/calendar/details/index.cfm?varlan=english&amp;ID=2022</a>



### **Sponsor: Dartmouth College**

Nov 15-16	Fate and Bioavailability of Mercury in Aquatic Ecosystems and Effects on Human Exposure	Durham, NM	<a href="http://www-apps.niehs.nih.gov/sbrp/3/mercury/index.cfm">http://www-apps.niehs.nih.gov/sbrp/3/mercury/index.cfm</a> .
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### **Sponsor: Pyramid Lake Paiute and Region 9**

Nov 7-9	National Tribal Invasive Species Conference (NTISC)	Sparks, NV	Robin Powell, 775-574-0101, <a href="mailto:rpowell@plpt.nsn.us">rpowell@plpt.nsn.us</a>
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### **Sponsor: Rural Community Assistance Corporation**

Feb 26–Mar 1	National RCAP Conference	Long Beach, CA	<a href="http://www.rcac.org">http://www.rcac.org</a>
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## **Trainings**



### **Sponsor: Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe**

Nov 9-10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Native American Women Conference	Fountain Hills, AZ	<a href="http://www.arizonaiwia.org">www.arizonaiwia.org</a>
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### **Sponsor: Governor's Office of Planning and Research**

Nov. 13	Local and Tribal Intergovernmental Consultation: Senate Bill 18 Training session	Ventura, CA	916-445-0613 <a href="mailto:cuauhtemoc.gonzalez@opr.ca.gov">cuauhtemoc.gonzalez@opr.ca.gov</a>
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**Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency**

Nov 15-17	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual National Training Workshop for Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE)	Seattle, WA	<a href="http://www.cleanairinfo.com/care">http://www.cleanairinfo.com/care</a>
Jan 30-Feb 2*	Tribal Transfer Station Operation Training	Reno, NV	Elizabeth Forsyth, 415-972-3380 <a href="mailto:forsyth.elizabeth@epa.gov">forsyth.elizabeth@epa.gov</a>

\*EPA 9 is partnering with the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) to offer course.

**Sponsor: Nielsen Field School**

Nov. 1-2	Ground Water Sampling Field Course	Hartford, CT	<a href="mailto:info@envirofieldschool.com">info@envirofieldschool.com</a>
Nov. 3	No-Purge Sampling Field Course	Hartford, CT	<a href="mailto:info@envirofieldschool.com">info@envirofieldschool.com</a>
Nov. 13	No Purge Sampling Field Course	Long Beach, CA	<a href="mailto:info@envirofieldschool.com">info@envirofieldschool.com</a>

Contact the school at [info@envirofieldschool.com](mailto:info@envirofieldschool.com), call 740-965-5026 or visit the following Web site at [www.envirofieldschool.com](http://www.envirofieldschool.com) for course outlines, testimonials, course instructor information, or to register.

**Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals**

Nov. 14-17	Air Monitoring Data Management (Level 3)	Flagstaff, AZ	702-784-8264, <a href="http://www.nau.edu/tams/">http://www.nau.edu/tams/</a>
Nov 28-Dec 2	Fundamentals of Air Pollution Modeling (Level 3)	Chicago, IL	928-784-8264 <a href="http://www.nau.edu/tams/">http://www.nau.edu/tams/</a>
Dec 5-7	Air Quality System (AQS) Level 3	Research Triangle Park, NC	702-784-8264, <a href="http://www.nau.edu/tams/">http://www.nau.edu/tams/</a>
Dec. 12-15	PM Monitoring and Instrument Operation (Level 3)	Las Vegas, NV	702-784-8264, <a href="http://www.nau.edu/tams/">http://www.nau.edu/tams/</a>

For a complete listing of course catalog, please go to: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp> or, call Lydia Scheer, Training Coordinator: 928-523-6887

**Sponsor: Indian Health Service**

Nov 6-9	Introduction to Injury Prevention	Sacramento, CA	707-642-0457
Nov 13-16	Water System Operator Training—Small Water System Operation and Maintenance	Barona Casino, Lakeside, CA	David Robbins, 760-735-6891
Dec 4-8	OSHA 40 Hour HAZWOPER Course	Santa Clarita, CA	707-642-0457

**Sponsor: National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)**

Nov. 15-16	Advanced Negotiation Skills Training (CST 304)	Washington, D.C.	Arthene Pugh 202-564-6074 or <a href="http://www.netionline.com">www.netionline.com</a>
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EPA's NETI online training resource site provides access to course registration, training products, online classrooms, and e-mail updates. If you have any questions, call Arthur Totten 202-564-7164; fax: 202-564-0072; email: [totten.arthur@epa.gov](mailto:totten.arthur@epa.gov) or go to the following Web site for the most up-to-date list of enforcement and compliance courses offered: <http://www.envirofieldschool.com>.

**Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars**

A brochure for training seminars is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 505-281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

## **Grants and Loans**

### **Grants.gov**

Funding through the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity announcement solicitation will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for award. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete takes a minimum of 15 days to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, you are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted>. Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).

### **Financial Opportunities from the Western Regional Office, Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)**

EERE financial opportunities for tribes are managed by the Golden Field Office and detailed on the Tribal Energy Program Web site. This program provides financial and technical assistance to tribes for feasibility studies and shares the cost of implementing sustainable renewable energy installations on tribal lands.

The following are two funding opportunities for Federally-recognized tribes interested in energy efficiency and renewable energy:



#### **First Steps to Develop Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency on Tribal Lands**

For a copy of this announcement, paste the following Web site on your Browser: [http://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/0940ABC2766FCC80852571F700707223/\\$file/FOAGO96038FirstStepsRv1.pdf](http://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/0940ABC2766FCC80852571F700707223/$file/FOAGO96038FirstStepsRv1.pdf). Deadline is January 23, 2007.



#### **Feasibility of Renewable Energy Projects on Tribal Lands.**

Four million is expected to be available and up to 15 awards are anticipated. Submission deadline is February 6, 2007. For more information, contact James Damm at [james.damm@go.doe.gov](mailto:james.damm@go.doe.gov) or go to: <https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/746C66B1BDB9A8DA852571F60061A3F8?OpenDocument>.

### **Department of the Interior (DOI)**



#### **Native American Technical Assistance (NATA)**

DOI, Bureau of Reclamation Upper Columbia Area Office, requests proposals for NATA. This program assists tribes to establish/maintain water quality projects, and to implement more efficient water management measures with special emphasis on outdoor water management practices. Applicant's lands must reside within the area served by the Upper Columbia Area Office which encompasses Washington State east of the Cascades. Individual awards NTE \$25K, and up to 10 awards are anticipated. Responses are due November 30, 2006. For more information, go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=10981>

## U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



### **Tribal Public Water System Supervision Source Water Assessment and Protection Program**

EPA Region 9 will issue guidance on FY07 Direct Implementation Cooperative Agreement (DITCA) award funding this fall for source water assessment and protection activity completion under this program. This program provides funding to enable federally recognized tribes and eligible tribal consortia, within the region, that operate at least one public water system to assess any possible threats to their public drinking water supply sources and to develop protection measures to protect these sources against those threats. Approximately \$395,000 will be available and awards typically range from \$15,000 to \$60,000. No matching funds are required. Contact: Jamelya Curtis at (415) 972-3529 for more information, or if you would like to receive a hard copy of funding guidance once available, send your contact information via email with "Request for 07 DITCA Guidance" in the subject line to [curtis.jamelya@epa.gov](mailto:curtis.jamelya@epa.gov).



### **U.S./Mexico Border Air Quality Program**

EPA, Region 6, requests proposals for the U.S./Mexico Border Air Quality Program. This program supports air pollution control agencies to conduct projects to improve air quality and reduce pollution within 100 kilometers of the U.S./Mexico Border. \$1.5 million is expected to be available and up to 30 awards are anticipated. Final proposals are due November 5, 2006. For more information, contact Aunjanee' Gautreaux at [gautreaux.aunjanee@epa.gov](mailto:gautreaux.aunjanee@epa.gov) or go to: [http://www.epa.gov/region6/air/reg6usmex\\_10-02-06\\_.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/region6/air/reg6usmex_10-02-06_.pdf).



### **Regional Environmental Priorities**

EPA, Region 4, requests applications for Regional Environmental Priorities, for new approaches, solutions, demonstrations, or pilots in areas including: 1) Sustainable agricultural practices; 2) Reducing exposure to ozone and particulate matter; 3) Protecting children's health; 4) Improving water quality; 5) Promoting environmental excellence; and 6) Encouraging environmentally sustainable energy use and energy conservation. Projects must benefit one or more states in Region 4 which includes AL, FL, GA, MS, KY, NC, SC and TN. \$400K expected to be available, up to 9 awards anticipated. Responses due November 17, 2006. For more information, contact Betty Winter at [winter.betty@epa.gov](mailto:winter.betty@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region4/financial/2006%20REP%20Solicitation.pdf>.



### **Tribes, Climate Change and Environmental Stressors**

EPA requests applications for Issues in Tribal Environmental Research and Health Promotion: Novel Approaches for Assessing and Managing Cumulative Risks and Impacts of Global Climate Change. Areas of interest include: 1) Impacts of Global Climate Change on the Cultural and Physical Health of Tribal Populations, and 2) Tribal Cumulative Exposure and Risks from Multiple Environmental Stressors. Three million is expected to be available; up to five awards are anticipated. Responses due January 23, 2007. For more information, contact Nigel Fields at [fields.nigel@epa.gov](mailto:fields.nigel@epa.gov) or go to: [http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2006/2006\\_star\\_tribal.html](http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2006/2006_star_tribal.html).



### **Working with the Chemical Strategies Partnership**

EPA has funded the Chemical Strategies Partnership (CSP), an independent non-profit organization, to work with a tribe to evaluate opportunities to reduce chemical and waste costs. Anticipated benefits to the tribe include reducing costs, reducing hazardous and solid waste, and reducing toxic materials. CSP would like to select a tribe from Region 9 and is asking interested R9 tribes to please submit their interest. CSP is especially interested in tribes that may have multiple chemical-using operations in a centralized location. For more information, please contact Jeff Cole at 415-421-3405 x32 or [jeff@chemicalstrategies.org](mailto:jeff@chemicalstrategies.org)



### **Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook**

EPA Region 10 has compiled materials to assist tribal school districts and tribal schools in complying with federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. To access these materials go to: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/TRIBAL.NSF/Programs/Tribal+Schools> or call Catherine Tunis, 202-564-0476



### **FY 2007 Exchange Network Solicitation Notice**

This application process is now available at <http://www.epa.gov/exchangenetwork>. It can also be found at grants.gov, exchangenetwork.net and closes on November 20, 2006. Everyone is encouraged to begin the application process as soon as possible. The number of tribes that receive funds in 2007 depends upon the quality and number of grant applications;

### **Brownfields Program**

EPA's Brownfields Program provides some funding for cleanup under their "Methfields" program; For more information to go [http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/policy/initiatives\\_co.htm#meth](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/policy/initiatives_co.htm#meth) or call Nuria Muniz 415 972-3811 For a brochure on EPA's methfields funding go to [http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/policy/methlab\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/policy/methlab_brochure.pdf)

### **Design Competition for Sustainability**

EPA requests applications for the 4th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity, and the Planet. This competition supports teams of college students to research, develop, and design solutions to challenges to sustainability. Areas of interest include: Energy, Agriculture, the Built Environment, Water, Materials and Chemicals and Information Technology. Approximately \$1,250,000 total for all awards is expected to be available and up to 60 awards are anticipated. Responses are due December 21, 2006. For more information, contact Tom Barnwell at: [barnwell.thomas@epa.gov](mailto:barnwell.thomas@epa.gov) or go to [http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2007/2007\\_p3\\_4thannual.html](http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2007/2007_p3_4thannual.html).

### **Graduate Fellowships Science to Achieve Results (STAR)**

EPA's Office of Research and Development is now requesting proposals for STAR Graduate Fellowships for master's and doctoral-level students in environmental fields of study. There are 18 areas of interest identified including, but not limited to: Atmospheric Sciences, Environmental Economics, Urban/Regional Planning, and Environmental Decision Making. ORD expects to award approximately 65 fellowships totaling \$5.9 million. Responses are due November 28, 2006. For more information, contact Stephanie Willett at 202-343-9737 or visit [http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2007/2007\\_star\\_fellow.html](http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2007/2007_star_fellow.html).

### **Greater Research Opportunities (GRO)**

EPA's Office of Research and Development is also requesting proposals for GRO Graduate Fellowships for master's and doctoral-level students in environmental fields of study. There are 18 areas of interest identified including, but not limited to: Atmospheric Sciences, Environmental Economics, Urban/Regional Planning, and Environmental Decision Making. ORD expects to award approximately 15 fellowships totaling \$1.4M. Responses are due November 28, 2006. For more information, contact Stephanie Willett at 202-343-9737 or visit [http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2007/2007\\_star\\_fellow.html](http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2007/2007_star_fellow.html).

### **Undergraduate Fellowships for the Environment**

EPA's Office of Research and Development requests proposals for Undergraduate Fellowships for bachelor level students in environmental fields of study. Seven areas of interest identified include, but are not limited to, Environmental Science and Economics. ORD expects to award 15 fellowships totaling \$622K. Responses are due November 29, 2006. For more information, contact Georgette Boddie at [boddie.georgette@epa.gov](mailto:boddie.georgette@epa.gov) or go to [http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2007/2007\\_star\\_gro\\_undergrad.html](http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2007/2007_star_gro_undergrad.html).

### **Clean School Bus USA**

EPA requests proposals for Clean School Bus USA, for retrofit and/or replacement projects that reduce pollution from school buses within the Region 8 states which include MT, CO, UT, WY, ND and SD. \$415K is expected to be available and up to ten awards are anticipated. Responses are due November 30, 2006. For more information, contact Jeffrey Kimes at [kimes.jeffrey@epa.gov](mailto:kimes.jeffrey@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=10883>.

### **Clean Air Act Funding**

The Region 9 Air Division will be sending out a Request for Proposals to tribes in mid-to-late October, 2006. Detailed information to all Region 9 tribes will be mailed and also posted on the R9 website. Approximately \$2.5 million will be available for awards ranging from \$50,000 to \$400,000, to provide funding to support tribal air quality assessment and to develop tribal air program capacity. The time period of the grants will be October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008 (FY08). Contacts: Roy Ford at [ford.roy@epa.gov](mailto:ford.roy@epa.gov) or (415) 972-3997; Sara Bartholomew at [bartholomew.sara@epa.gov](mailto:bartholomew.sara@epa.gov) or (415) 947-4100.

### **Local Governments Reimbursements (LGR)**

The LGR program provides federal funds to local governments for costs related to temporary emergency measures conducted in response to releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances. The program serves as a "safety net" to provide supplemental funding (up to \$25,000 per incident) to local governments that do not have funds available to pay for these response actions. Eligible local governments include cities, towns, townships, counties, and federally-recognized Indian Tribes, among others. Typical incidents include transportation accidents, abandoned drums, former methamphetamine labs, chemical spills and accidents, as well as threats that any hazardous substance may be released. If local hazardous material responders incurred expenses to an incident on tribal lands or within their jurisdiction, tribes may seek cost reimbursement from the EPA within one year of the response. The Region 9 contact for the LGR program is Hedy Salter at 415-972-3046. Further information on the program can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/programs/er/lgr/index.htm>; or by calling the LGR Helpline at 800-431-9209 and asking for an application package to keep on hand. For additional information about these procedures contact Daniel Meer at 415- 972-3132 or by email at [meer.daniel@epa.gov](mailto:meer.daniel@epa.gov).

### **EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes**

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or "seed money" to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities, and individuals, for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the U.S. EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

### **Indian Country Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Multi-Year Cleanup Initiative**

EPA Region 9 recently announced the Indian Country LUST multi-year cleanup initiative. Using LUST trust funds, EPA will pay for site assessments and cleanups on LUST sites on tribal lands. EPA has contracted a Native Alaskan-owned firm, Bristol Environmental, to assist with the work. EPA has identified more than 200 LUST sites on the lands of 17 different tribes. Further sites may be identified as the work progresses. For more information, please contact Carl Warren, UST Program Office, at 415-972-3355 or email to: [warren.carl@epa.gov](mailto:warren.carl@epa.gov)

## U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)



### **Solid Waste Management**

USDA requests applications for the Solid Waste Management Grant Program. This program supports projects that seek to improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas, and reduces or eliminates pollution of water resources in rural areas. \$3.5 million is expected to be available and up to 30 awards are anticipated. Responses are due December 31, 2006. For more information, contact LaVonda Pernell at 202-720-9635 or go to <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/SWMG.htm>.



### **Water Infrastructure Funding**

USDA Rural Development has water infrastructure funding available for tribes under the Native American Grants program. This year, \$16.3M is available nationwide. Eligible tribes must have a per capita income of no more than \$15,110, an unemployment rate of at least 6.25%, and a documented public health or environmental need. Click on the state office link: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/2006funding.htm>. California tribes may also call Dave Hartwell at (503) 792-5817.

## **Other Funding Sources**



### **Volvo Adventure and the United Nations Environment Programme**

This education program rewards environmental activities among the decision makers of the future. Environmental projects are undertaken by young people to improve their local environment. The best projects will be selected for an all expenses paid trip to Göteborg (Gothenburg) Sweden. Applicants must be between the ages of 10 to 16. The deadline for submitting projects is January 31. For more information, contact Wayne at WTA Education Services Ltd" [wayne@wtaeducationservices.com](mailto:wayne@wtaeducationservices.com) or go to: <http://www.volvoadventure.org>



### **Environmental Advanced Generation - California**

The California Energy Commission requests proposals for Research, Development, and Demonstration Projects Focused on Reducing Emissions and Improving Efficiency of Advanced Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines for Distributed Generation and Combined Heat and Power Applications in California. The program seeks to improve the engine performance, reduce emissions of criteria pollutants, increase the brake thermal efficiency, reduce the operating & maintenance costs, and improve the durability/reliability/availability of complete internal combustion engine generators. Up to \$3 million are expected to be available and up to three awards are anticipated. Final proposals are due December 4, 2006. For more information, contact Judith Efan at [jefhan@energy.state.ca.us](mailto:jefhan@energy.state.ca.us) or go to: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/pier.html>.



### **Environmental Fellowships**

The Switzer Environmental Fellowship Program requests proposals from Graduate Students in New England (CT, MA, RI, VT, NH, or ME) and California whose studies are directed toward improving environmental quality and who demonstrate leadership in their field. Twenty fellowships are awarded annually at \$15K each. Responses are due January 11, 2007. For more information, go to: <http://www.switzernetwork.org/fellowship-overview.html>.



### **Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) Fund**

U.S. Department of Treasury requests applications for the CDFI Fund. The Fund provides financial and technical assistance to community-based organizations, known as community development financial institutions, that provide financing and related services to communities and populations that lack access to credit, capital and financial services. CDFI supports economic development, affordable housing and community development

financial services. \$26 million is expected to be available and 75 awards anticipated. Responses are due November 14, 2006. For more information, contact [cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov](mailto:cdfihelp@cdfi.treas.gov) or go to [http://www.cdfifund.gov/what\\_we\\_do/programs\\_id.asp?programID=7](http://www.cdfifund.gov/what_we_do/programs_id.asp?programID=7).

### **Integrated Waste Management Board**

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling (916) 341-6316

### **Housing and Community Development in California**

Grants are available to cities and counties to fund housing and community development activities. Applicants that do not receive Community Development Block Grant Program funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are eligible. Eligible activities include new construction and rehabilitation of housing, community facilities, infrastructures, and public services. A set-aside allocation of funds is awarded to projects serving Native Americans who do not belong to a federally recognized Indian tribe or Rancheria. Another set-aside of funds is awarded to non-entitlement communities (colonias) located within 150 miles of the California/Mexico border. For more information, call Allen Jones (916) 319-8402 or email [ajones@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:ajones@hcd.ca.gov)

### **California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants**

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at (877) 408-9310.

### **California Endowment Program**

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to <http://www.calendow.org> or call (800) 449-4149.

### **Funding Sources for Communities**

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html> For more information, call Jessica Counts (415) 972-3288.

## **Employment Opportunities**

### **Environmental Specialist, Torres Martinez**

This position conducts required environmental tests, evaluates results, makes recommendations as necessary for maintaining compliance with regulatory agencies; performs inspections and investigations; provides technical consultations and assistance; and maintains environmental data and documents for Tribal Environmental Regulations. Applicant must be proficient in the use of quantitative and qualitative research methods. For detailed information, call: 760-397-0300. Submit resume and cover letter to [ccross@tmtanf.org](mailto:ccross@tmtanf.org) or Human Resources, TMDCI, P.O. Box 1160, Thermal, CA 92274. TMDCI offers competitive salaries, a generous benefit package including 401k, health insurance, life insurance, disability insurance, and more.

**Pesticide Specialist, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes**

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation have an opening for a pesticide specialist to administer all aspects of the pesticide program in consultation with the Division Manager of Environmental Protection. A Bachelors Degree in one of the earth sciences and one year of work experience is required. For more information call Rich Janssen at 406-675-2700, ext. 7260 or email [richj@cskt.org](mailto:richj@cskt.org) or go to [www.cskt.org](http://www.cskt.org) Deadline is Friday, October 13 at 4:30 p.m.

**Hydrologist – Non-Point Source Coordinator**

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation, Pablo, MT has an opening in their Natural Resource Department. For more information, contact Rich Janssen at 406-675-2700, ext. 7260 or email: [julianat@cskt.org](mailto:julianat@cskt.org)

**Environmental Coordinator**

The Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians has an opening for an environmental coordinator. The person hired will be responsible for the development, analyses, and coordination of the environmental and water departments. The ideal candidate must be able to work in a team environment and be a self-starter, with little supervision, must be computer literate (knowledge of Microsoft Office, GIS a plus), must have experience with analytical chemistry and/or microbiology, and must have excellent communication skills. The salary will depend on experience and this position will remain open until filled. Send your resumes to: Debra Breidenbach-Sterling, Augustine Band of Cahuilla Indians, P. O. Box 846, Coachella, CA 92236 or email [dsterling@augustinetribe.com](mailto:dsterling@augustinetribe.com)

**Environmental Assistant**

The Resighini Rancheria has an opening for an environmental assistant. This is a full time position and salary is dependent on experience. For more information, please contact Phil Smith, 707-482-3413 or email [psmith@resighini.us](mailto:psmith@resighini.us) Required Special Qualifications: Valid Class C California State Driver's license. A reliable vehicle is required and a willingness to use said vehicle on the job according to the Tribe's Vehicle Policy.

**Air Quality Compliance Specialist**

The Cabazon Environmental Department has an opening in the Air Quality Program. The person will be responsible for conducting, monitoring and testing activities as necessary for air quality regulatory compliance. For more information, contact Jim Bullard, Cabazon Human Resources Department at [bullard@cabazonindians-nsn.gov](mailto:bullard@cabazonindians-nsn.gov) or call 760-342-2593 ext. 84879.

**Senior Planner**

The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians has an opening for a Senior Planner. This candidate will perform a variety of professional planning activities including: review of development and land use applications, zoning, research, site plan and environmental review. Applicant must have an advanced degree in city, urban or environmental planning, architecture, or a related field and two years experience in the field. Must have excellent analytical skills and written communication skills. If interested in this position please email your cover letter and resume to [mgomez@aguacaliente.net](mailto:mgomez@aguacaliente.net) or call (760)-883-1345 for more information

**Miscellaneous Items****Review of New Sources and Modifications in Indian Country**

On August 9, 2006, EPA proposed a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) that would implement New Source Review (NSR) requirements in areas under tribal jurisdiction. In these areas, often referred to as Indian country, new or modified small industrial facilities and large industrial facilities in areas not meeting national clean air standards would be subject to air permitting requirements. For more details and a fact sheet, go to: EPA website: <http://epa.gov/nsr/actions.html>. Deadline for commenting on this proposed rule is early November. EPA is conducting outreach nationally and regionally on these proposed rules. For general information about this proposed rule, contact Raj Rao of EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards at 919-541-5344, [rao.raj@epa.gov](mailto:rao.raj@epa.gov), or Jessica Montanez at 919-541-3407, [montanez.jessica@epa.gov](mailto:montanez.jessica@epa.gov).

### **American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO)**

AIEO has published the first EPA Tribal Program Enterprise Architecture (TPEA) tribal data newsletter. The purpose for this quarterly newsletter is to publish information about the work of TPEA. AIEO hopes to develop partnerships with parties that are interested in sharing information and ongoing experiences with data collection and information management. To view this newsletter click on <http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm> or to obtain copies email [liu.ed@epa.gov](mailto:liu.ed@epa.gov) or call 202-564-0287.

### **Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM)**

The Grants Administration Division (GAD) of OARM is issuing a Statement of Work (SOW) to provide administrative and financial systems assistance and advice to Tribes. They are particularly interested in SBA 8(A) firms. This SOW is the one for which GAD has allotted yearly funding. Annual funding levels are anticipated between \$200,000 and \$400,000, with actual levels depending on the Agency's budget situation. It also could go higher in the event that other programs would like to join forces and supply funds as well. If anyone has any questions, please contact Glen Langlois at 202-564-5296 or via email at [langlois.glen@epa.gov](mailto:langlois.glen@epa.gov).

### **2006 "Tribal Water Quality Accomplishments" booklet now available**

The Water Division, Tribal Office, with the help of Region 9 tribes, created a booklet which highlights the accomplishments of tribal water pollution control programs in the Pacific Southwest. Please visit our website at: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tribal/tribal-cwa.html>, and click on the "NEW Tribal Accomplishments 2006" link under the "Water Pollution Control Program" section. If you have any questions/comments regarding this publication, contact Jared Vollmer at 415-972-3447, or email at [vollmer.jared@epa.gov](mailto:vollmer.jared@epa.gov).

### **Internet system gives access to soil survey information**

A new interactive web soil survey site now provides public access to soils information that contributes to every aspect of public and private land use and development. This site provides critical soils information for land developers, farmers, home buyers, and city planners. The Natural Resource Conservation Service has soils maps and data available online for more than 95 percent of the nation's counties and anticipates having 100 percent in the near future. The site will be updated and maintained online as the single authoritative source of soil survey information. To view the Web site go to <http://soils.usda.gov/survey>

### **Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)**

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

### **Scrap Tire Cleanup Guidebook**

In an effort to reduce scrap tire piles around the country, EPA and the state of Illinois have created the Scrap Tire Cleanup Guidebook, A Resource for Solid Waste Managers across the United States. It is estimated that more than 290 million tires are scrapped each year in the United States. While 80 per cent are being reused, millions have been accumulating in stockpiles over the past several decades. Large scrap tire stockpiles present a risk to human health and the environment. State, federal and local agencies have spent tens of millions of dollars over the past few decades responding to tire fires. The guidebook is rich with case studies highlighting many success stories. It can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/wptdiv/solidwaste/tires/guidance>.

### **National Response Center (NRC):**

The NRC is the sole federal point of contact for reporting oil and chemical spills. To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675 or visit their Web page at: <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil> and click on services and web reports. The NRC operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

### **Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ**

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, California, and Carson City, Nevada who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident in Arizona.

### **Inspector Credentials**

Compliance assurance in Indian country is a national EPA priority. Region 9 is working toward improvement of the capacity of tribes to implement compliance assurance and enforcement programs by providing training for tribal environmental professionals and authorizing tribal inspectors to do federal inspections. Region 9 has increased the number of authorized inspectors from 3 to 7 and has Authorization Agreements in place with Navajo Nation for the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), and with the Salt River-Pima Tribe for FIFRA. Additional opportunities are being developed to increase the number of credentialed tribal inspectors. For more information, please contact Angela Baranco, 415-947-4262 or [baranco.angela@epa.gov](mailto:baranco.angela@epa.gov).

### **EPA Guidelines and General Guidance**

A "how-to" guide for implementing EPA's Voluntary National Guidelines for Management of Onsite and Clustered (Decentralized) Wastewater Treatment Systems is final. The guide describes a step-by-step approach for the development of a community management program for decentralized wastewater systems. It includes specific community examples, gives an overview of the elements essential for sound management of these systems, and provides links to extensive resources. For more information go to:  
<http://cfpub.epa.gov/owm/septic/guidelines.cfm#handbook>

### **Criminal Investigation Division (CID)**

Region 9's Criminal Investigation Division (CID) provides training to tribal governments on investigations of environmental crimes. CID can provide a short presentation on who they are and what they do, or they can provide more detailed classroom training for police officers and regulators on what to look for in environmental investigations. CID can also recommend tribal officers to a two-week training for environmental investigators at the Law Enforcement Academy in Georgia. Tribes wishing to request this training should contact Pam Overman, Tribal Program Office, at 415-972-3781 or [overman.pamela@epa.gov](mailto:overman.pamela@epa.gov).

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## **Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs**

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-signed-memo.pdf>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-final.pdf>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-a.pdf>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-b.pdf>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/consultation-approach-exhibit-c.pdf>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>  
<http://www.wapa.gov/es/pubs/fctsheets/casino%20fact%20Sheet.pdf>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/ow/waterplan/tribal/index.html>  
<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>  
<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml>  
<http://www.metrokc.gov/hazwaste/house/cleaners.html>